But I must have that one minute. I have been waiting here for the last on and-a-half hours.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Should it be extended for another one hour?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI AMAL DATTA: You allowed Shri George Fernandes to speak. I wanted only one minute. Why shall I not get that one minute? (*Interruptions*)

I want to say something. I want the Government either to confirm or deny it. It is very important issue arising our of yesterday's debate.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are many other important issues.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA(Andaman & Nicobar Islands): There are other important issues.

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: It cannot be allowed.

SHRI AMAL DATTA: Two questions were asked and we are told by several Ministers including the Prime Minister.

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: You do not allow him. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI AMAL DATTA: Why can't you call them to order? I said that I want only one minute. Two questions could not be answered yesterday. What were the contents of the note and who passed on that note.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You wanted only one minute.

SHRI AMAL DATTA: Everybody has got something.

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: You have allowed me to speak. He can speak after me.

SHRI AMAL DATTA: Please stop. I have been called.

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: He does not have that much of understanding.

SHRI AMAL DATTA: In yesterday's debate, two questions could not be answered from the treasure benches in spite of the fact that four Ministers including the Prime Minister spoke.

One was what was in the note, what are the contents of the note.

The second issue is who passed the note.

Today's papers contain both the informations. One information already Shri George Fernades has pointed out. It has come in Indian Express under the name of the Editor Mr. Prabhu Chawla himself. Therefore, you have to give it some credence.

Similarly, in this paper, the Business and Political Observer, it has come in the name of the Editor of the paper, Mr. Pritish Nandy a very well-known name. He said the persons are Hindujas and the reports to that effect are available in the Prime Minister's Office. They have come from RAW, our Indian Agency based in Zurich and Geneva. I would like the Government to go through this report and either deny or abdicate. That is all. All right. Thank you very much.

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: According to the newspaper report, India has entered into an agreement for purchase of artillery guns with America. These guns are of the calibre of Bofors. There is nothing wrong. The gun is good I reiterate.

But there are some issues which must be clarified about this deal.

The first is that, whether in this deal there is an agreement for licensed production.

The second is what is the cost of this gun when compared to other guns in the market.

The third is what is the agreement for technological transfer, whether there has been agreement at all.

The gun is very good. There is no doubt. We want to know about the cost in terms of foreign exchange as compared to the American gun, as compared to the French gun and the UK gun. I would also like to know whether they have been examined; whether a comparison has been drawn. My fourth point is about the armunition. What is the agreement that has been done on ammunition? We would request the Defence Minister to inform this House about the agreement and the particular four aspects so that there is no doubt in anybody's mind about this deal. I am saying this because we are purchasing this for the first time from the U.S.A. and when we are purchasing arms from the U.S.A. we have to be cautious. That is my request.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA(Godhra): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am thankful to you for allowing me time to speak after giving notice three days back and my submission is that it should not be treated as a matter raised during zero hour and as a party-policy matter.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is presumed that he is speaking on behalf of you all.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: I would like to speak about Gandhar gas and Oil Field in Gujarat, which is the biggest oil and gas field in the country. N.T.P.C. is going to set up a separate power plant based on gas. In its Board meeting N.T.P.C. has passed a resolution and decided to give the contract to M.N.C., A.B.B. companies of Sweden. The letter of intent was given to these companies within 12 hours of passing this resolution. Gas allocated by ONGC to NTPC for this plant will be supplied in April 93-94. This project will be completed by April, 93 and will be equiped with imported machinery. Foreign exchange worth Rs. 1650 crore will remain blocked for one year. Not only in this case but there is bungling in all import based projects. Who is responsible for it if foreign exchange worth Rs. 1650 crore will remain idle for one year. More than Rs. 150 crore has been invested in projects like Yuvran and Kapat. Gas Authority promised to supply gas but still it is not being supplied. We have doubts about the effeciency of A.B.B. in Gandhar. The team which had visited Neitherland said that the effeciency of these machines is not satisfactory. If there is any need of importing technology then Indian technology is there. BHEL and Seimens had submitted their tenders at lower rates. If technology is not good and there is doubt about it then what is the use of importing it. It will only the wastage of foreign exchange worth crores of rupees. Effecient and new technology should be imported in its place. No advance payment should be made and complete enquiry should be made because there are chances of large scale bungling of foreign exchange in it. It should be enquired because influencial people will involve in it. Timely Gas allocation should be made so that project may be completed in time. It is my submission...(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

(*Interruptions*)

13.34 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Detailed Demands for grants of the Ministry of Agriculture for 1992-93

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Sir, on behalf of Shri Balaram Jakhar, I bet to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1992-93 [Placed in Libary. *See* No. L.T- 1724/92]

Notification under Juvenile Act, 1986 and Annual Report on the working of the protection of civil Rights Act, 1955 for 1989 and 1990 etc.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI K. KAMALA KUMARI): Sir, On behalf of Shri Sitaram Kesri, I beg, to lay on the Table—